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Senator Nore made an observation the other day in budget committee, I thought was extremely appropriate. He said that the budget bill this year is like a clock without hands, because we don't know where we stand, because we don't know what monies we're going to be getting from Uncle Sam. The Governor doesn't know, Senator Luedtke doesn't know, and our total cost of running this state is a total package, Senator Luedtke notwithstanding and I can assure you we do not now at this time know where we stand. I think this is the humane approach to take.

SPEAKER: The question is to bracket, all those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer has asked for a call of the house. His motion came right about the time the vote was announced. Senator Burbach is trying to vote no, so I don't think, I can't take your vote because it's been announced. Alright let's see if you want a call of the house, all those in favor of a call of the house vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? This is whether or not we are going to have a call of the house on Senator Stahmer's motion to bracket. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Motion fails. The Chair is now going to rule if you are ready for the question, if you are ready for the question to advance the bill, as amended, I'm going to take the vote, if you're not ready for the question, I'm going to accept the motion to adjourn, alright, are you ready for the question, Senator Kelly, you are not ready for the question?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President I want a question of Senator Luedtke, if I may?

SPEAKER: State your question?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I yield.

SENATOR KELLY: My question is very elementary, but I do not understand the reason for the city of Lincoln being the owner and writing the bonds instead of using the state of Nebraska procedures. Now I absolutely don't understand that, that's not any other -

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I can answer that very quickly, if you'll let me, I can answer it very quickly. The constitution of the state of Nebraska, does not allow the state of Nebraska to go into debt and I think you know that, and the only way that you can work through a bond program is through some agency that can float bonds, the city of Lincoln has a top rating in getting bonds, has worked this successfully with ETV building and other buildings and is the one way that you can float bonds and perform this task without violating the constitution of the state.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Luedtke did we or did we not change the constitution for highway bonds?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: That's all we changed it for, that's correct.